

BREWERS OF OHIO GIVEN HARD JOLT

Through Suspension of German-American Alliance.

WILL HELP MAKE STATE DRY

With the Alliance Compelled to Disband Because of Disloyal Tendency and With Brewers Largely the Financial Backers of the Alliance, Observers Believe the Voters of the State Will Make a Clean Sweep of the Entire Liquor Traffic at the November Election.

Columbus, Ohio.—Observers of events, wet as well as dry, are of the opinion that Ohio brewers and the wet cause in this state were dealt a blow from which they cannot recover when the Ohio Anti-Saloon League forced the German-American Alliance of Cincinnati to give up its charter on the ground that the organization was disloyal to the government.

Ever since the war began, the German-American Alliance has been under suspicion and this suspicion grew as the testimony given before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee on the resolution to revoke the charter of the National German-American Alliance filtered through the press. However, suspicion became a reality when the Ohio Anti-Saloon League dug up and published the charter of the German-American Alliance, of Cincinnati, granted by the state. The full purposes of the organization are set forth in the following:

"To maintain and defend German ideals; to urge the teaching of the German language in the public schools; to assist in keeping public schools out of politics; to oppose unreasonable restrictions on desirable immigration; to favor the repeal of such statutes which are antagonistic to modern progressive thought and which abridge personal liberty; to participate in movements affecting the public welfare, and to accomplish these ends we will adopt all such measures as to the Alliance appear reasonable and right; to try to influence public thought, political conventions, political elections and appointments through speech, press and other honorable methods. The Alliance should be non-sectarian and non-partisan. Its membership shall be composed of German-Americans, and such others as the constitution and by-laws may provide."

Then the Ohio Anti-Saloon League asked the Attorney General to begin ouster proceedings, but before this could be done, the Alliance virtually entered a plea of guilty to the charges of disloyalty, by dissolving the incorporation.

The developments in the case constitute a body blow to the brewers. OHIO DRUGGISTS WILL HELP

Volunteer in Body as Special Recruiting Agents for New American Merchant Marine.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Druggists to the number of 289 have volunteered in a body for war duty as special recruiting agents for the new American Merchant Marine. It is announced here by the United States Shipping Board Recruiting Service.

Each will serve the United States Shipping Board at \$1 a year, and will open a recruiting station at this shore, where American citizens, between 21 and 30, may apply for training on a squadron of training ships maintained by the Shipping Board, for the drilling of crews for the new national cargo fleets.

These 289 druggists volunteered for this patriotic service through a trade organization of national scope, headed by Louis K. Liggett of Boston, which has pledged its members to work for the Merchant Marine. Of the stores controlled by these allied druggists, 6,854 are in the United States.

Recruiting stations for the Merchant Marine will thus be established in 6,854 cities and towns, representing every state in the Union. The training of recruits will be in New England, where 500 have taken the oath of office. In a trade convention in Boston more than 200 stood up in one group and took the oath.

The recruiting work will begin in this state with a drive for firemen, oilers and water-tenders, who will be given a special course in training at an engineering school in Chicago before being forwarded to an Atlantic port for special sea training on a U. S. Shipping Board training ship. Following this, the men selected will serve in crews of merchant vessels in the Atlantic trade.

Men will also be accepted at the Ohio drug-store recruiting stations of the Shipping Board for training as sailors, coal-passers, cooks and waiters, and will be sent direct from their home towns to Boston, where they will join the training squadron of the Merchant Marine, at \$300 a month training pay. Later they will receive much higher wages. The government will reimburse the men accepted for their railroad fare to Boston.

There is a drug-store recruiting station for the Merchant Marine in nearly every large city and town in Ohio. Cleveland has 16. Men who apply for this service at any of the state free employment agencies will be sent to the drug-store enrolling stations for physical examination and forwarding to the point where they will be trained.

An apprentice who chooses the engine room branch of the service may advance from fireman to oiler or water tender, and after two years' service become eligible for a license as third assistant engineer.

The German-American Alliance was largely financed by the brewers, and had been active for the wet in every campaign. From evidence now in possession of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the brewers financed the Alliance with hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the Alliance, in turn, paid large sums to Bernstein and Dr. Dernberg for use in German propaganda work.

That the whole explosion will help materially to make Ohio dry this year is the general belief. The Ohio Brewers' Association sees the ground slipping from under it, and is yelling lustily in an effort to make the public believe its members are patriotic. In view of the brewers' close relationship with the German-American Alliance, the public refuses to be convinced.

BEER PRODUCTION SLUMPS

Big Decrease Month After Month as Reported From Washington.

Washington, D. C.—According to the official report of the internal revenue bureau, the number of barrels of beer sold in the United States in the several months of the present fiscal year, compared with the previous one, was as follows:

	1916	1917	Decrease
July	6,889,293	6,013,926	875,367
Aug.	7,137,132	6,273,990	863,142
Sept.	5,453,469	4,483,351	970,118
Oct.	4,849,077	3,921,874	927,203
Nov.	4,474,960	3,743,252	731,698
Dec.	4,487,910	3,683,206	804,704
Jan.	4,009,066	3,148,400	860,666

Total 37,300,897 31,267,999 6,032,898
It will be seen that each month showed a decrease of hundreds of thousands of barrels. In fact, the decrease in any one month did not fall below 730,000 barrels, and ranged from that figure to 970,000 barrels. This decrease is enormous and is exceedingly disconcerting to the brewers.

Summit County Dry.
Akron, Ohio.—Last year Summit was the banner dry county of the state. The drys had a majority of 4,216. Even the great industrial city of Akron gave a majority for the prohibition amendment. This year Summit County expects her dry majority to overtop the 5,000 mark. Labor dominates in Akron, and labor there, as elsewhere, realizes that liquor is its enemy.

Four Mangled at Crossing.
Cincinnati, May 15.—Charles R. McKay, consulting engineer, and his wife, were instantly killed and their two youngest children, Jane, 12, and Charles, 8, injured seriously, when their automobile was demolished by a train at a streetcar crossing here.

Removes City Official.
Lancaster, O., May 15.—Public Service Director C. F. Justus removed John M. King, waterworks superintendent, from office, specifying charges of incompetency and malfeasance. King declared he would fight the charges.

New State Librarian.
Columbus, May 11.—John Henry Newman, Columbus, former state librarian and fire marshal, again was named librarian to succeed C. B. Galbreath, Republican. The position pays \$3,000.

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE

Service on U. S. Ships as Important as Service in the Trenches, Says Official.

Simultaneously with the inauguration of a nation-wide recruiting campaign for officers and men for the American Merchant Marine, the United States shipping board will impress upon local exemption boards the need of granting exemption to all men known to be mariners, and to all volunteers for the United States Shipping Board's training ships.

The Shipping Board is now making a special drive in the states around the Great Lakes to secure men between 21 and 30 by specially trained, at an engineering school in Chicago, as marine firemen, oilers and water tenders, before putting them on training ships at Boston for special drill at sea. It will also accept men to be trained as sailors, coal passers, cooks and waiters (messmen).

In the case of the men sent to Chicago for training their exemption will begin on their arrival at the school. Exemption of the others will begin as soon as they are received on a training ship of the United States Shipping Board. It will continue in both cases as long as the men remain in the Merchant Marine. Such exemption is provided for in a recent regulation.

"Service on a merchant ship in the present emergency takes the place of military duty and is fully as important as service in the trenches," says W. M. Thompson, Field Agent of the United States Shipping Board Recruiting Service, now in this section.

The Shipping Board also wants to hear direct from experienced men who can serve as officers.

SEEK MEN FOR SEA SERVICE

It is a far cry from firing a stationary boiler in an inland town to helping drive a fast freighter laden with a million dollar cargo through the submarine zone, but that is the prospect held out to firemen by the United States Shipping Board, which is seeking men for the new Merchant Marine.

Several thousand young firemen are wanted for special training as marine firemen, oilers and water-tenders at a special course given by the Shipping Board at a Chicago school of engineering. The service they are wanted for is vital. After special training at Chicago the men will be sent east at government expense for sea training as apprentices on a government training ship, before going into actual service.

They will be exempted from the draft. After a brief, intensive course of sea training on pay, the apprentice will be put into the crew of a modern merchant ship at regular pay, which is high. After two years he will be eligible to take examinations to enter a free government marine engineering school, of which the Shipping Board conducts several, and there fit himself at the expense of the government to become a licensed officer in the world's best-paid merchant service.



Of Them We Ask Their Lives; Of You Only Money

THERE is only one way to give to the Red Cross—give till your heart says stop. A little contribution is only a salve to pride. This is not to say that contributions of only one dollar, or even of only one nickel, are not desired—and needed. They are! For you to give \$5 when you can give \$25—for you to give \$25 when you can give \$100, or to give \$100 when you can give \$500—is to dodge the heaviest obligation that this war has laid upon you. Remember, this is not a charity—this is a duty.

No man can tell you how much you ought to give. Except this: that "Over There" the need is so great that only by cutting to the quick, only by giving all that you think you can give and then more—only by giving not a little of your excess but much of it—only by taking from your own children and from your wife and

from yourself, can the needs of the men who are fighting for you and the needs of the children of the men who have died for you be met.

Millions of loyal Americans will pledge a part of each month's earnings during June, July, August and Sept. \$100,000,000 must be raised.

What Will You Do To Help? Red Cross 2nd War Fund May 20-27

Every cent given to Red Cross War Fund goes for War Relief.

The American Red Cross is the largest and most efficient organization for the relief of suffering that the world has ever seen.

It is made up almost entirely of volunteer workers, 10,000,000 unselfish Americans. It is today bringing relief to suffering humanity, both military and civil, in every war-torn Allied country.

It is there to help our soldier boys in time of need.

By helping the starving women and children in the ruined districts of France and Italy it performs a distinctly military service. A soldier who knows that Red Cross is helping his family fights with renewed spirit.

Thus does Red Cross help to win the war. Congress authorizes it. President Wilson heads it. The War Department audits its accounts. Your Army, your Navy, and your Allies enthusiastically endorse it. Twenty-two million Americans have joined it.

To Help Win The War

(This Space is Reserved for the War Fund)

THE CELINA DEMOCRAT

WEEKLY WAR REVIEW

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turning to the Germans. Dispatches announce a growing anti-German sentiment, because of the repressive measures of the Teutons. To meet this, additional German troops are being sent to the disturbed region, the western front being drawn upon for cavalry.

May 14—Georges Loygues, French minister of marine, announced in the chamber of deputies that sinkings of merchantmen by enemy submarines have fallen off to the point where new construction is exceeding destruction, and that destruction of submarines now is exceeding their construction. He added that Germany is planning a new series of big U-boat cruises.

May 15—South of Albert, the Germans delivered an attack against the British on a front of nearly a mile and at one point penetrated a British position. The Australians in a counter attack recaptured the ground. The enemy in an attack against the French gained a foothold on Hill 44, north of Mount Kemmel, in the Ypres sector.

The Germans, through the capture of Kostov-on-Don, have gained control of the Caucasus.

Ed McKinnon, of Bluffton, Ind., and Frank McKinnon, of Pindlay, spent Sunday in this city, the guests of their mother, Mrs. Julia McKinnon.

IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

The evidence in the Ludwig Alt vs. Adam Alt case, heard before Judge Blackley this week in the Common Pleas Court, was concluded Wednesday.

Judgment in the amount of \$271.16 was awarded plaintiff in the case of Pond vs. Komer, heard in the Common Pleas Court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Howick are entertaining a new boy at their home. Born Sunday.

Bessie Highley, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Highley, who was operated upon at the Otis hospital a few weeks ago has so far recovered that she was able to be taken home this week.

Miss Eva Brigner, of Ft. Recovery, and Glen Teeters, of Portland, Ind., were united in marriage at the Hope-ville Evangelical church on the 9th inst., the pastor, Rev. John Reece, performing the service.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elmer Hansbarger, aged 21 years, clerk, Ansonia, O., and Miss Inez Arnold, aged 20 years, housekeeper, of Burkettsville.

Earl E. Silvery, aged 27 years, shipping clerk, Muncie, Ind., and Miss Mary Belle Kiser, aged 18 years, housekeeper, Celina.

MAY INCREASE RAIL RATES 25 PER CENT

Freight and Passenger Fares About to Be Advanced.

Washington, May 14.—Estimates made by railroad administration officials indicate that an increase of at least 25 per cent in freight and passenger rates will be necessary this year to meet the higher costs of fuel, wages, equipment and other operating expenses, now set at between \$600,000,000 and \$750,000,000 more than last year.

Recommendation that rates be raised by approximately this percentage has been made to Director General McAdoo by his advisers. He is expected to act within the next six weeks, and to put increases into effect immediately. Shippers will be permitted to appeal to the interstate commerce commission under the railroad act, and final decision will be with President Wilson.

Such an increase as is proposed will be the biggest in the history of American railways, as the percentage is larger than any ever sought by the railways under private management and would apply alike to the entire country. Both class and commodity schedules would be affected.

Rate experts of the Interstate commerce commission and railroad administration now are at work on new schedules. Industries and commercial interests will be subject to the same degree of rate competition as at present. Passenger fares would be raised under the plan suggested to about 3 cents a mile, from the existing general rate of a little less than 2½ cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bechtoldt and Mrs. Romeo Deitsch, of Detroit, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Deitsch. Mr. Bechtoldt has been called for service and is preparing to leave for camp.

Rev. Harlan Freeman, president of the Adrian (Mich.) college, spent a day last week with his father, Veteran H. B. Freeman, residing near this city. He has been on a lecture tour of Ohio and Indiana and was on his way to Zanesville.

Cincinnati Daily Post and The Democrat, both one year, \$3.00.

HOME CANNERS CAN GET SUGAR

Certificate Plan Adopted to Supply Needs For Canning Harvest.

OFFICIAL FOOD NEWS

Issued by Fred C. Croxton, Federal Food Administrator For Ohio.

SUGAR CERTIFICATE FOR HOUSEHOLDS

I hereby declare to the United States Food Administration that I desire to purchase from

(name of retailer)

(address of retailer)

an amount of _____

pounds of sugar for my use for

preserving and canning pur-

poses only, and that I shall re-

turn any surplus not used for

this purpose. I hereby certify

that my total previous pur-

chases for preserving and can-

ning this year are _____

pounds and that my total needs

for preserving and canning this

year will be approximately _____

pounds.

Date _____

(Signed) _____

(Purchaser's name)

Street No. _____

City _____

State _____

Post Office _____

County _____

How can I get enough sugar for

canning without being considered a

hoarder?

This question has frequently been

asked recently by patriotic house-

wives.

Fred C. Croxton, Federal Food Ad-

ministrator for Ohio, answers the

question in announcing the plan for

meeting the needs of the housewife,

who will require additional sugar for

preserving and canning.

A sugar certificate has been pre-

pared and supplied to retailers by the

County Food Administration Commit-

tee. By signing one of these certi-

ficates, estimating the number of

pounds of sugar needed for preserva-

tion and canning and guaranteeing to

return any surplus not used for this

purpose, the housewife may supply

her wants for the canning season.

If the grocer does not have a sup-

ply of certificates, write to the Fed-

eral Food Administration at Colum-

bus, and certificates will be sent.

The Food Administration will again

this year encourage home canning and

preserving even to a greater extent

than it did last year.

To the end that housewives may

have an ample supply of sugar, man-

ufacturers using it for non-edible pur-

poses have had their supply cut off

and less essential industries such as

confectioneries and soft drink houses

have been put on a limited ration. All

manufacturers using sugar are now

having their supply allotted to them by

the Food Administration. They can

only buy sugar on special certificates

issued by the Food Administration.

Household sugar certificates will be

counter-signed by the retailer who

sells sugar and turned in to the Food

Administration, where they will be

closely checked.

Housewives are placed on their

honors in this plan. Those who abuse

the system will be detected when the

canceled certificates are filed with the

Food Administration and will be pro-

secuted.

Hon. and Mrs. W. E. TouVelle

were guests of their son, Lieut. Robert

TouVelle, at Camp Sherman, last

Sunday.

this week.

Mrs. John Rawers, of Dayton visit-

ed relatives here, Sunday.

The gas line which passed north

of Chickasaw was sold to J. F. Arn-

old Co. dealers in oil supplies etc.,

and is now being junked and the

wells pulled.

Xavier Hein visited his parents

here this week.

Esther and Norma Wint, of Dayton

visited relatives here a few days this

week.

Lewis Bensman and wife of Day-

ton, attended the wedding of the lat-

ter's sister.

Miss Catharine Winner was a Day-

ton visitor, Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of children have

the mumps at present.

Mr. Frank Bomhold was in town

Wednesday on business.

George Holl, of Uew Knoxville was

in town Thursday on business.

Henry Gast and Henry Linneman

and Mrs. Linneman was at Celina last

Thursday on business.

John Harting was at Celina Thurs-

day.

Will Gross was at Celina, Tuesday.

John Kroger and family were at

Celina last Thursday.

John Eynk and family were busi-

ness visitors at Celina, Thursday.